

**BRISTOL WARREN REGIONAL  
SCHOOL COMMITTEE WORKSHOP / MEETING  
MONDAY, JUNE 14, 2010**

**The bi-monthly meeting of the Bristol Warren Regional School Committee was held on Monday, June 14, 2010, in the Cafeteria of Mt. Hope High School, 199 Chestnut Street in Bristol, RI. The Chairperson, Paul Silva, called the meeting to order at approximately 7:04 PM.**

**Present: Paul Silva, Chair, Paul E. Brule, Vice-Chair, William M. O'Dell, Treasurer, Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary, Denise R. Arsenault, John C. Bento, Diana B. Campbell, Karen A. Lynch and John P. Saviano; Melinda L. Thies, Superintendent; Mario J. Andrade, Assistant Superintendent; Pauline A. Silva, Director of Administration and Finance; Leslie J. Anderson, Director of Pupil Personnel Services, and Mary N. Almeida, Director of Literacy and Title I**

**Absent: none**

**OPENING BUSINESS**

**All present were invited to join in the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag.**

## **Accolades**

**The Administration and School Committee recognized the recent retirees from the District, presenting each with an engraved silver plate:**

**Margot B. Alfano (Diagnostic Prescriptive Teacher)- Mrs. Thies thanked Mrs. Alfano for her 31 years of service to the District as a first grade teacher and a special educator. Mrs. Anderson said Mrs. Alfano has touched many students in the District; we have learned from her gentle ways; Mrs. Anderson thanked Mrs. Alfano for her encouragement to the special education department and the special care of our students.**

**Karen E. Annotti (Principal) – Mrs. Thies said Dr. Annotti was a principal in Bristol Warren for 11 years and she is missed.**

**Susan R. Donovan (Health & PE Teacher) –In her 31 years as a teacher in this district, Mrs. Donovan has contributed in many ways—with strategic planning and with regionalization, and she has been recognized on the state level for her contributions to student and staff wellness.**

**Susan A. Duffy (Social Worker) – Mrs. Thies thanked Ms. Duffy for 27 years of support to students and their families.**

**Diane H. Gallison (Teacher) – Described by Mrs. Thies as the**

**quintessential kindergarten teacher who brings the whole package together, Mrs. Gallison served the District for 35 years.**

**James J. Gorman (Special Educator) – As a teacher at the East Bay Academy, Mr. Gorman served the students for 17 ½ years; at their awards ceremonies, Mr. Gorman made an apt analogy between the Academy and the television show Lost.**

**Eileen A. Malafronte (Special Educator) – Mrs. Malafronte could not attend tonight because she was caring for her grandchildren. Mrs. Anderson said Mrs. Malafronte is very respected for her work with students who have special needs; after over 20 years with us, she will be missed very much.**

**Janet H. Wollish (Nurse) – Mrs. Thies thanked Mrs. Wollish for her 21 years with the District saying she is a very spunky lady who will have wonderful opportunities in life.**

**On behalf of the School Committee, Mr. Silva thanked all the retirees for their dedication, efforts and contributions to the children of this community and wished them good luck in all they do.**

## **TEACHERS OF THE YEAR**

**The Superintendent introduced the teachers that each school community selected as their Teacher of the Year along with their**

**principals. Mrs. Thies read the description the principals wrote of the fine work and qualifies of each, and the reasons for being chosen for this honor; she and Mr. Silva presented them with a certificate of congratulations. They are as follows:**

**Colt Andrews School-- Beth S. Hayes**

**Guiteras School-- Linda N. Bruno**

**Hugh Cole School-- Kimberlie M. Peecher**

**Rockwell School-- Erin M. Welchman**

**Kickemuit Middle School-- Carolyn Davis**

**Mt. Hope High School-- Tricia E. Talbot**

**Mr. Silva said these teachers are a small example of what we have in this district; they are the cream that rises to the top and they help our students rise to the top; he thanked them all for their efforts.**

**Mrs. Thies then announced the teacher chosen as the 2009-2010 District Teacher of the Year – Kim Peecher.**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**None**

## **PUBLIC FORUM**

**None at this time. See notation later in the meeting.**

## **PRESENTATION: Mosaico Sense of Pride Program**

**Mrs. Campbell, Mosaico's Director, thanked the Committee for allowing this presentation on their proud program, in existence for 10 years, which now involves all fourth grade students in the District. She introduced Lane Sparkman. Mrs. Sparkman explained the program teaches students the history and architecture of the towns, instills a sense of pride and teaches children they can have a positive effect on their community through community service projects fine-tuned to each school's interest and neighborhood, walking tours and interactive presentations. Examples of the community service projects are: Guiteras students planted trees; Colt Andrews students did planting and trash pick-up at Franklin Court; Rockwell students worked with Roger Williams University to create habitats for oysters; Hugh Cole students planted vegetables and herbs in the Giving Garden for the food pantry. Mrs. Sparkman said the biggest partner has been Save Bristol Harbor who demonstrated the effects of pollution on the bay. This year the program was extended to families with the creation of Discover Bristol and Warren Family Passes. The student projects reflected the students' experiences in the program; projects included tiles, quilts and guides to the towns.**

**Mr. Saviano informed Mrs. Sparkman that a house he owned at 236 Water Street in Warren had bars on the lower level windows and was used to house slaves. Mrs. Sparkman will look into this.**

**The following fourth grade students shared their experience with the Sense of Pride Program and what it meant to them: Caroline Parker, Jeffrey Silvia, James Moreira and Evan Coutu.**

**Mrs. Thies thanked Mrs. Sparkman and the students on behalf of the District; Mrs. Sparkman's knowledge and enthusiasm is appreciated. She also thanked Mrs. Campbell and Mosaico for this rare and wonderful opportunity for our students.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATIONS**

### **S2010-29 A-J: CONSENT AGENDA – PERSONNEL**

**A. APPOINTMENTS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the positions of Resource/ Intervention Specialist (K-12) and two District Mentor Coordinators as listed below:**

#### **1. Colleen O'Connell Resource/Intervention Specialist (K-12)**

**Effective: For the 2010-11 school year**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy (Retirement – M. Alfano)**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**2. Brian P. MacDougall District Mentor Coordinator**

**Effective: For the 2010-11 school year only**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**3. Tricia E. Talbot District Mentor Coordinator**

**Effective: For the 2010-11 school year only**

**Reason: To fill a vacancy**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**B. ATTENDANCE OFFICER: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to re-appoint the following individual to the position of Attendance Officer as listed below:**

**1. Manuel T. Vierra Attendance Officer**

**Effective: July 1, 2010 through**

**June 30, 2011**

**Reason: In accordance with the Rhode**

**Island General Laws Relating to**

**Education (Ch. 16-19-3)**

**Funding: Operational Budget**

**C. EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES: That the School Committee**

**confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following applicants to the extracurricular positions listed below for the 2010-11 school year only (pending certification, funding and sufficient sign-ups to warrant running these programs):**

**FALL COACHES – MT. HOPE HIGH**

**Sport Position Coach**

- 1. Cheerleading (Football) Head Coach Debra Marshall**
- 2. Cheerleading (Football) Asst. Coach Melissa Gendreau**
- 3. Football Head Coach Ronald Silva**
- 4. Football Asst. Coach John Mello**
- 5. Football Asst. Coach Shane Parker \***
- 6. Football Asst. Coach Jason Proulx \***
- 7. Football Asst. Coach Bryan Travers**
- 8. Soccer (Boys) Head Coach Oscar DeLemos**
- 9. Soccer (Boys) Asst. Coach Greg Cirillo**
- 10. Volleyball (Girls) Head Coach Warren Rensehausen**
- 11. Volleyball (Girls) Asst. Coach Theresa Wray**

**\* Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

**D. ELEMENTARY SUMMER PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the**



**following individuals for the Summer 2010 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Elementary Summer Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:**

**Name Position**

- 1. Linda Bruno Site Coordinator (Colt Andrews)**
- 2. Elaine Skibinski Site Coordinator (Hugh Cole)**
- 3. Kendra Cabral Teacher**
- 4. Michelle Cicchitelli \* Teacher**
- 5. Bethann Coletta Teacher**
- 6. Kristen Cormier Teacher**
- 7. Jennifer Creighton Teacher**
- 8. Lynn Dellagrotta Teacher**
- 9. Katelyn Dorney Teacher**
- 10. Melissa Gendreau Teacher**
- 11. Stephanie Glaser \* Teacher**
- 12. Elizabeth Goldberg Teacher**
- 13. Samantha Gregory \* Teacher**
- 14. Jamie Hawkins Teacher**
- 15. Joanne Lyons Teacher**
- 16. Jessica Martin \* Teacher**
- 17. Madlyn McArdle Teacher**
- 18. Noelle Mello Teacher**
- 19. Paula Richards-Sousa Teacher**
- 20. Jillian Rubino Teacher**
- 21. Whitney Ruggeri Teacher**

- 22. Elise Saccoccio \* Teacher**
- 23. Kathleen Silva \* Teacher**
- 24. Kristen Silvia Teacher**
- 25. Meredith Astrologo Mathematics Specialist**
- 26. Ann Corrado Mathematics Specialist**
- 27. Stacy Dunning Mathematics Specialist**
- 28. Donna Larson Mathematics Specialist**
- 29. Victor Pimentel Mathematics Specialist**
- 30. Carole Rego \* Mathematics Specialist**
- 31. Diane Gallison Pre-Kindergarten Support (Jump Start)**
- 32. Grace Moreira Pre-Kindergarten Support (ESL Jump Start)**
- 33. Ashley West \* Pre-Kindergarten Support (Jump Start)**
- 34. Linda Castigliero Teacher Assistant**
- 35. Maryann Gustafson Teacher Assistant**
- 36. Lorie Kauffman Teacher Assistant**
- 37. Debra Lopes Teacher Assistant**
- 38. Christa Resendes Teacher Assistant**
- 39. Lori Vaccaro Teacher Assistant**
- 40. Mary Lynn Williams Teacher Assistant**

**\* Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

**E. EXTENDED SCHOOL YEAR (ESY) SERVICES PROGRAM: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to appoint the following individuals for the Summer 2010 session only of the Bristol Warren Regional Extended School**

**Year (ESY) Services Program contingent upon sufficient enrollment:**

**Name Position**

- 1. Karen McCanna Coordinator**
- 2. Michelle Cordeiro Special Educator**
- 3. Deborah Coury Special Educator**
- 4. Vanessa Cronan Special Educator**
- 5. Erin Gill \* Special Educator**
- 6. Victoria Guthlein Special Educator**
- 7. Bonnie Pansa Special Educator**
- 8. Rebecca Russell \* Special Educator**
- 9. Joanna Siino Special Educator**
- 10. Ellen Estrella School Nurse/Teacher**
- 11. Deborah Allen Speech/Language**
- 12. Camille Manchester Speech/Language**
- 13. Lori Acciardo Teacher Assistant**
- 14. Joann Bernard Teacher Assistant**
- 15. Cheryl Cabral Teacher Assistant**
- 16. Patricia Cappucci Teacher Assistant**
- 17. Paula Gabriele Teacher Assistant**
- 18. Kathleen Lawrence Teacher Assistant**
- 19. Lisa Macedonio Teacher Assistant**
- 20. Laura Silva Teacher Assistant**
- 21. Pamela Simmons Teacher Assistant**
- 22. Joanne Vales Teacher Assistant**

**\* Pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements**

**F. NON-CERTIFIED SUPPORT STAFF: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to re-appoint the following individuals to the non-certified staff positions listed below for the 2010-11 school year only (pending adequate Federal, State and local funding and contingent upon adequate enrollment and program renewal):**

**Name Program Assignment**

- 1. Kelly Allen Child Care Site Coordinator**
- 2. Michael Almeida Child Care Provider**
- 3. Laura Brissette Child Care Provider**
- 4. Lindsey Brissette Child Care Intern**
- 5. Ashley Caliri Child Care Provider**
- 6. Kevin Calisto Child Care Provider**
- 7. Kristina Calisto Child Care Provider**
- 8. Laura Callahan Child Care Budget Coordinator**
- 9. Erica Collamore Child Care Site Coordinator**
- 10. Brittany Conley Child Care Provider**
- 11. Donna Crowell Child Care Provider**
- 12. Ellen Darling Child Care Provider**
- 13. Nicholas DaSilva Child Care Provider**
- 14. Virginia DePasquale Child Care Provider**
- 15. Brenda Ferreira Child Care Site Coordinator**

- 16. Jessica Ferreira Child Care Provider**
- 17. Paula Gabriele Child Care Provider**
- 18. Jaime Hallam Child Care Provider**
- 19. Jennifer Heroux Child Care Provider**
- 20. Samantha Jann Child Care Provider**
- 21. Kaitlyn Lagrange Child Care Provider**
- 22. Rachel Lessing Child Care Intern**
- 23. Kayla Magee Child Care Site Coordinator**
- 24. Marie Mascena Child Care Provider**
- 25. Samantha Medeiros Child Care Provider**
- 26. Francine Michelletti Child Care Site Coordinator**
- 27. Heather Morreo Child Care Provider**
- 28. Nicole Morreo Child Care Provider**
- 29. Katelyn Morrisino Child Care Provider**
- 30. Brett Neilan Child Care Provider**
- 31 Ryan Neilan Child Care Intern**
- 32. Ellie Oliveira Child Care Provider**
- 33. Alexandra Pappas Child Care Provider**
- 34. Emily Pearce-Spence Child Care Site Coordinator**
- 35. Patricia Raposa Child Care Provider**
- 36. Jason Santo Summer Music Teacher**
- 37. Meghan Saunders Child Care Intern**
- 38. Kristen Silvia Child Care Provider**
- 39. Kristina Soprano Child Care Provider**
- 40. Sarah Topazio Child Care Provider**
- 41. Alexis Webster Child Care Site Coordinator**

## **42. Holly Whipp Child Care Intern**

**G. CERTIFIED SUBSTITUTES:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to place on file in the office of the Superintendent the following applications for certified substitutes pending satisfactory completion of pre-employment requirements:

### **CERTIFIED**

**Name Area/Level**

- 1. Andrew S. Arcello Music**
- 2. Elizabeth P. Goldberg Elementary**
- 3. Tara L. Mollo Early Childhood**

**H. LEAVE OF ABSENCE:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to grant a leave of absence for a Teacher Assistant as follows:

- 1. Lynda J. Squillante Teacher Assistant – Hugh Cole**

**Effective: June 11, 2010 through the end of  
the 2009-10 school year,  
pending release from physician**

**Reason: Leave in accordance with Article 20  
of the Master Agreement**

**I. RESIGNATIONS: That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to accept the resignations of Rita Hass from the position of Speech Pathologist, Jean Mollicone from the position of Secondary Mathematics Teacher, Cherie Martin from the position of Elementary Teacher and Nancy J. Kinney from the position of Elementary Teacher as listed below:**

**1. Rita Hass Speech Pathologist – Hugh Cole**

**Effective: June 21, 2010**

**Reason: Retirement**

**2. Jean Mollicone Mathematics Teacher – Mt. Hope High**

**Effective: June 22, 2010**

**Reason: Retirement**

**3. Cherie Martin Grade Four Teacher – Hugh Cole**

**Effective: October 1, 2010**

**Reason: Retirement**

**4. Nancy J. Kinney Grade Three Teacher – Hugh Cole**

**Effective: June 30, 2010**

**Reason: Retirement**

**J. SUSPENSION, NONRENEWAL AND/OR TERMINATION OF CERTIFIED PERSONNEL:** That the School Committee confirm the recommendation of the Superintendent to rescind the vote(s) of February 8, 2010 as to the following listed teachers and appoint the listed teachers to the positions indicated:

**Name    Anticipated Assignment**

- 1. Deborah Allen Speech/Language Pathologist**
- 2. Michael Almeida Secondary Business**
- 3. Diane Amaral Secondary Mathematics**
- 4. Andre Arsenault Middle School Music (Leave of Absence)**
- 5. April Backman Secondary Mathematics**
- 6. Bethany Balzano Secondary English**
- 7. Laura Berard Elementary**
- 8. Melissa Bernard Middle School English**
- 9. Gregg Burke Secondary Social Studies**
- 10. Paul Castigliero Middle School Physical Education/Health**
- 11. Jeanne Chaffee Secondary Mathematics**
- 12. Greg Conti Elementary Physical Education/Health**
- 13. Michelle Cordeiro Special Education Resource Specialist**
- 14. Augusta Costa Secondary Foreign Language**
- 15. David Cox Middle School Mathematics**
- 16. Marguerite Crocker School Nurse/Teacher**
- 17. Carrie Devine Secondary English**
- 18. Patrick Dexheimer School Psychologist**
- 19. James Dranchak Secondary Foreign Language**



20. Erin Dunlop Middle School Foreign Language
21. Michael DiRuzzo Social Worker
22. James Eaton Secondary Industrial Technology
23. Lauren Enjeti Secondary Art
24. Anne Marie Fayan Secondary Mathematics
25. Karen Ferreira Secondary Alternative Teacher
26. Norman Fortin Social Worker
27. Nicole Galipeau Elementary Librarian
28. Ryan Garrity Secondary Industrial Technology
29. Shelly Goudreau Middle School Special Educator
30. Raquel Goulart Secondary Science
31. Jamie Greene Elementary Librarian
32. Sarah Jacobs Elementary Art
33. John Keefe Middle School Art
34. Peter Kinder Social Worker
35. Celeste Labonte Elementary Music
36. Christopher Lambert Secondary Music
37. Melanie Lane Social Worker
38. Robert LePage Secondary Social Studies
39. Michael Lerner Secondary Science
40. Laura Manchester Secondary Foreign Language
41. Kerry Mastriano Secondary English
42. Kimberly McCormack School Nurse/Teacher
43. Jennifer McDonald Elementary Special Educator
44. Marianne McGonagle Middle School Science
45. Lisa Melmed Secondary English

46. Rebecca Moore Secondary English
47. M. Jessica Mulvena Secondary Alternative Teacher
48. Christopher Munzert Secondary Science
49. Diane Nappi Secondary Special Educator/Guidance
50. Jodi-Lee Neves Secondary English
51. Jason Oldham Elementary Physical Education/Health
52. Frank Patalano Middle School Social Studies
53. Nancy Patalano Elementary Special Educator
54. Scott Pellerin Secondary Mathematics
55. Kristina Pereira Middle School Mathematics
56. Jennifer Saarinen Middle School Mathematics
57. Jason Santo Elementary Music
58. Caitlin Sardinha Secondary Physical Education/Health
59. Carol Schlink Secondary Drama (3/5 time)
60. Jason Seals Secondary English
61. Gregory Shea Secondary Science
62. Elizabeth Simeone Physical Therapist
63. Noreen Skrzypiec Occupational Therapist
64. LynnMarie Sousa Secondary Home Economics
65. Sarah Stringer Elementary
66. Peter Sullivan Secondary Physical Education/Health
67. Sarah Thurber Speech Pathologist
68. Bryan Travers Secondary Special Educator
69. Marcia Welch Middle School Science
70. Erin Welchman School Nurse/Teacher
71. Anna Wood Secondary Mathematics

## **72. Ana Xavier Secondary Foreign Language**

**Mr. Silva removed Sections C, E and J from the vote.**

**Mr. O'Dell asked for Section H to be removed so he could ask a question in Executive Session.**

**MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to approve the remainder of the recommendation. Mrs. Campbell and Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 9 to 0.**

**Recommendation #S2010-29, Section C. Mr. Brule recused himself from this vote.**

**MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to approve Section C. Mrs. Campbell seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with Mr. Brule recused.**

**Recommendation #S2010-29, Section E. Mr. Silva recused himself from this vote.**

**MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to approve Section E. Mrs. Campbell seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 8 to 0 with Mr. Silva recused.**

**Recommendation #S2010-29, Section J. Mrs Arsenault recused herself from this vote.**

**MOTION: Mr. Brule motioned to approve Section E. Mrs. McBride seconded.**

**Mrs. Lynch is opposed to this recommendation because the list is**

based solely on seniority and not on qualifications. Mrs. Thies stated we are bound by the existing BWEA contract; it is incumbent on the District to negotiate other practices in the future. Mrs. McBride reiterated we have a legal obligation but agreed with Mrs. Lynch we also have a moral obligation; Mrs. McBride will vote no for this reason, as well as another which she did not divulge.

The motion passed by a vote of 6 to 2 with Mrs. Lynch and Mrs. McBride opposed and Mrs. Arsenault recused.

**Recommendation #S2010-30:** That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint the school dentist for the 2010-2011 school year.

**MOTION:** Mr. Brule motioned to appoint Dr. Kotuby; Mr. O'Dell seconded. Mrs. Thies stated we went out to bid for this position this year. The motion passed unanimously.

**Recommendation #S 2010-31:** That the School Committee, upon the recommendation of the Superintendent, appoint the school doctor for the 2010-2011 school year.

**MOTION:** Mr. Brule motioned to appoint Dr. Parker; Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**NON-BINDING REFERENDUM / ENABLING LEGISLATION**

**MOTION: Mrs. McBride motioned to support the Town Councils' proposal to go forward with a non-binding referendum vote; Mr. Saviano seconded.**

**Mrs. Lynch, on behalf of herself and the Task Force, commented that although she can appreciate the Town Councils' point of view on a non-binding referendum, this would not help us should we have an immediate need for space; it would cost over \$22,000 for a special election should that be necessary; she does not support a non-binding referendum.**

**Mrs. Arsenault shares Mrs. Lynch's sentiments; the Committee would have appreciated the ability to put this on the November ballot. The Task Force feels that after a year's work on research and development of a short-term solution, this action thwarts their efforts to create an economically feasible solution— to transport elementary students across town lines without parent permission. Our hands are now tied because administration cannot be allowed to make decisions in the best interest of the students. Mrs. Arsenault would like to know the public's opinion on this issue so is inclined to support a non-binding referendum but also feels that a special election is an expensive prospect. The Task Force tried their best.**

**Mr. O'Dell expressed disappointment; this is not what he as looking for. When preparing the first elementary facilities bond it cost the District \$10,000 to get the public's opinion through a survey; we now**

**have the opportunity to assess the public's thoughts at no cost to the District.**

**Mrs. Campbell feels this is a good way to learn what the public thinks; if we move forward with a non-binding referendum we need to do a good job educating the public. In her opinion, this is a commitment by the School Committee, Administration and the District to make sure the public understands the impact of their vote; we need to do our due diligence.**

**Mr. Bento agrees with Mrs. Lynch; he commented that both Town Councils should be ashamed of themselves for not letting the people vote for themselves. If the District does not have a major increase in elementary enrollment, this non-binding referendum could be useful for future planning so he will vote yes. Mr. Bento agrees we need to educate the population.**

**Mr. Silva wished to clarify that the request for Town Council approval was a courtesy; a public vote can be arranged through our legislators. What was disappointing to Mr. Silva was the lack of respect by the Town Councils toward the Task Force. He agrees with Mr. O'Dell that this would be a free survey, however, people do vote differently when the vote does not lock them into something. Mr. Silva is bothered that the Task Force as well as the entire Committee is treated as second class citizens by the Councils when in fact they are all elected officials. Mr. Silva said he is communication with the**

**legislators and other members of the public feel the same as Mrs. Lynch.**

**Mrs. McBride does not disagree with Mr. Silva; we learned from the first bond that a survey was helpful to get the second bond passed; she voted once for and once against it. This is a way to get the public's opinion at no cost to the District.**

**Mr. Saviano feels the Committee must take a stand on this issue and let the public and Town Councils know how offended by their actions the Committee is; he would like to consider another motion to go directly to the legislators and bypass the Town Councils.**

**Mrs. Campbell asked what the chances are to get this on the November ballot. Mr. Silva replied that this is a free survey, whether it be binding or non-binding; we would be asking them if we can ask them later. In regards to the first bond, the District did not do a good job in getting the word out. Mr. O'Dell cautioned the Committee with a reminder that spending tax dollars to get the word out obligates an equal amount of tax dollars for alternate positions. Mr. Silva added we can spend our money to give out information and if we use the print media, we must print the pros and cons. Mr. Saviano moved the motion.**

**The motion to support the Town Council action failed by a vote of 3 to 6, with Mr. Brule, Mr. O'Dell and Mrs. McBride in favor and Mrs. Arsenault, Mr. Bento, Mrs. Campbell, Mrs. Lynch, Mr. Saviano and Mr.**

**Silva opposed.**

**MOTION: Mr. Saviano motioned to present a plan to our legislators for a vote on the November ballot to amend enabling legislation and get a definitive answer from the public on their opinion. Mrs. Lynch seconded.**

**Mrs. Arsenault appreciates the support of those Committee members who favor the original concept; by moving this forward the Task Force completes the task they were assigned; the most economically feasible solution is to allow the voters of Bristol and Warren to consider the proposed rewording of the clause in the enabling legislation in regard to elementary students; Mrs. Arsenault encourages legislators to support this request.**

**Mrs. Campbell said she agrees with Mrs. Arsenault but she also disagrees; this is not the end of the Task Force, but the beginning; their PowerPoint presentation needs to be fine-tuned and perhaps parents will volunteer.**

**Mr. O'Dell stated we paid the Councils a courtesy, they disagreed, but we are going against them anyway; he has concerns that the Councils will be angry about this as it is disrespectful. Mrs. Arsenault said all we are asking is for voters to look at the enabling legislation; we extended a courtesy but must move on to the next stage.**



**Mrs. Lynch commented that if we go forward with the non-binding referendum and the public is 90% against, we need to know that. We may not have the time; it is time to “get the elephant out in the room” and get a yes or no answer so administration can move forward accordingly.**

**Mr. O’Dell pointed out that moving a motion requires a 2/3 vote and all members get two opportunities to speak.**

**Mrs. Linda Rimoshytus, grandparent of a Hugh Cole student, told the Committee that parents do not feel comfortable coming to Committee meetings and now she can see why; she would like to learn more on the voting process and asked why certain questions were removed. Mr. Silva explained that sections of the Personnel were removed because of conflicts of interest. Mrs. McBride said she had spoken with another member of the public this week about the same questions and she explained that much of the work is done at the subcommittee level and those meetings are posted and are relaxed; this is a good place to start if there are questions. Mr. Silva added that next Monday is the Budget/Facilities Subcommittee meeting at 6:30 PM in the Mt. Hope High School Cafeteria when final budget discussions will be had and a budget recommendation will be made to be forwarded to the full Committee. Mrs. Rimoshytus said the public would like to know how they can assist the District in filling the gaps. Mr. O’Dell said the public assisted the District tremendously at the Joint Finance meetings; we received more funding as a direct**

result of public input. Mr. Bento, as liaison to Hugh Cole, said he would be happy to speak with Mrs. Rimoshytus about the agenda.

Mr. O'Dell commented that the Warren Town Council does not anger him; the Bristol Town Council angers him most of the time because of their lack of respect; he feels it is a mistake to move forward with a binding referendum without the consent of the Councils. Mr. Saviano pointed out that this is an election year and the Council members will not take a stand. Mrs. Arsenault is not recommending the Committee go forward with this because of personalities on any Council or feelings of disrespect; the Councils made their decisions and the School Committee is now making theirs.

On a show of hands, the motion passed by a vote of 6 to 3 with Mr. Brule, Mrs. McBride and Mr. O'Dell opposed.

Mr. Silva stated there is no guarantee there is sufficient time for placement on the November ballot but contact will be made and documents forwarded to state representatives. Mrs. Campbell asked if it will be put on twice; Mr. Silva said that is unknown.

## **SCHOOL COMMITTEE GOALS**

Mr. Bento asked to postpone this discussion to the August workshop. Mr. Silva will oblige.

## **BUDGET FACILITIES SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mr. O'Dell said the next meeting is June 21 at 6:30 PM in the Mt. Hope Cafeteria. Personnel cuts will be discussed, but not in specifics; anyone who will be laid off will be notified first. Administration has restored \$40,000 to fully fund sports at Kickemuit Middle School with a one-time pull out from capital projects.**

## **POLICY/ COMMUNITY AFFAIRS SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mrs. Campbell said these subcommittee meetings continue to be an exciting place; the next meeting is July 6, 6:30 PM to discuss the chemical health policy, the TOAD policy and transportation policies; there will be some first readings of revised policies at the next School Committee meeting.**

## **Wellness Committee**

**Their last meeting was a few weeks ago; Mrs. Campbell reported a letter had been received from John Sinot, congratulating the District on our award and offering support.**

## **PERSONNEL/ CONTRACT NEGOTIATION SUBCOMMITTEE**

**Mr. Saviano said there is nothing remarkable going on right now; he will inform the Committee of any news.**

## **FUTURE ENROLLMENT AND FACILITIES TASK FORCE**

**Mrs. Lynch said the Committee was brought up to date with the earlier discussions.**

## **EXECUTIVE SESSION - 9:02 PM**

**MOTION:** In accordance with Open Meeting Laws 42-46-5(a)(1)-(9), 2(b), Mr. Brule motioned to go into Executive Session at 9:02 PM to discuss a personnel matter; no action will be taken during the session nor when open session resumes other than to adjourn. Mrs. McBride seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

**Mr. Silva announced that Ron Sadlier, one of the students who video tape the School Committee meetings, was recently elected President of the Mt. Hope National Honor Society.**

## **RESUMPTION OF MEETING – 9:09 PM**

**In Executive Session, the Committee discussed a personnel matter. No action was taken during Executive Session.**

## **SUPERINTENDENT'S RECOMMENDATION #S2010-29 SECTION H**

**MOTION:** Mrs. McBride motioned to approve Section H; Mrs.

**Arsenault seconded. The motion passed by a vote of 9 to 0.**

**ADJOURNMENT – 9:10 PM**

**MOTION: There being no further business to discuss, Mr. Brule, seconded by Mrs. McBride, motioned to adjourn at 9:10 PM. The motion was unanimously approved.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Marjorie J. McBride, Secretary**

**/c**